Neighborhood Heritage Initiative Program Project Description FY 00-01

In May 2001, the Office of Cultural Affairs will award a grant of \$35,000 to <u>Southtown</u>, a Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization project. The project is:

Southtown will design and install a new bus shelter by local artist Carlos Cortes, whose work continues the concrete casting tradition of a multigenerational family craft. The craft of producing wood-like sculptures out of concrete can be found throughout the city at sites such as Brackenridge Park, Witte Museum, and along Broadway Street in Alamo Heights. The location for the bus shelter is the city-owned pocket park on South Presa Street, Callaghan Avenue, and San Arturo Street in the La Vaca neighborhood, one of three parks undergoing enhancements. Of major historical significance, the structure will be located in one of the city's most historic areas and will be within walking distance to Cortes' studio. The shelter installation will also integrate and coincide with the Presa Street design enhancement projects featuring ceramic tile by local artist Anne Wallace and the Missions Trails.